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AMENDED VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

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Set forth below is the amended version of the claims.

1. (Twice Amended) A method enabling a first party to send a gift to a second party, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request over the Internet from said first party for said gift to be sent to said second party;

obtaining over the Internet from said first party a pseudonym of said second party; [and]

securing over the Internet a non-pseudonymous name and address associated with the second party's pseudonym; and

[for] producing computer output enabling said gift to be sent to said second party while said non-pseudonymous name is not revealed to said first party.

16. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the step of electronically charging a first fee to said first party [for carrying out all steps up to and including issuing said order that said gift be sent].


17. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 16, further including the step of electronically charging a second [g]fee to said first party, wherein said second fee is related to the value of said gift.

The Examiner also has graciously provided numerous ways to communicate regarding the instant case, and the Applicant and undersigned are most appreciative. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set out below if it can in any way expedite or facilitate issuance of a patent on the application.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested. Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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